

## **MINUTES**

**APRIL, 2001**

**Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**

**PSC Board Room, State Capitol**

The Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB) meeting was called to order by board chair, Doug Johnson. Board members present were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Maryjane Martens, Jack Rasmussen and Mike Schatz. Board members who were absent were Don Haugen, Randy Gordon and Bev Sandness. Janet Welk and Diane Weber were also present from the office staff. Mike Schatz was not available for board case decisions. Visitors were Roman Weiler from the private school sector, Gary Gronberg from DPI and Bill Peterson from the Attorney General's office.

A motion was made by Maryjane to approve the March minutes as written. Second by Mike. Motion carried. Board members who were in agreement were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens, Jack Rasmussen and Mike Schatz.

Diane reported on the financial report. Total March revenue received \$27,009.74; total expenses showed \$25,953.05. The net income for March was \$1,056.69. Eight-four percent of the budget has been expended for the 2000-01 fiscal year. A motion was made by Maryjane to approve the March financial report. Second by Laura. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens, Jack Rasmussen and Mike Schatz.

Clarification was made on the proposed rules change draft for the **ESL endorsement Section 67.1-02-03-05**. The board's recommendation was to add the statement that the plan must be on file with the ESBP office and the plan must be completed within two years. A motion was made by Mike to include the clarification statement. Second by Amy. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens, Jack Rasmussen and Mike Schatz.

Another addition for rules change which was granted approval was **67.1.02-02-02 #10** and **#11** to include the statement of **PPST** for applicants who seek initial licensure. A motion was made by Amy to include the statement. Second by Maryjane. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Maryjane Martens, Jack Rasmussen and Mike Schatz. Doug Johnson was not available for this vote.

A lengthy discussion was held on the new law regarding the **Section 67.1-02-02-01, Life certificates/licenses** for the educator who has taught for 30 years. Does this mean educators who have been renewing their license for 30 years? Does this mean educators who have had contracted time? Does the contracted time mean contracted North Dakota time, contracted out-of-state time or both? Additional thought needs to be given on the wording of the bill. This item will be discussed at the May board meeting.

Legislation discussion was held in regard to **HB1326 board makeup the board and SB 2267 interim/emergency license (plan of study waiver)**. For those individuals who do not intend to make a commitment to education but are providing a service to the community when the school could not find an educator. These applicants would only be in the classroom for one year.

Janet informed the board that North Dakota has received official notification from US Department of Education of the designated teacher shortage areas. The areas are computer education, health careers, music and special education. These individuals are eligible for loan deferments.

Janet informed the members that the joint board meeting with Higher Education, Vocational Education and Education Standards and Practices Board has been scheduled for May 30<sup>th</sup> at Jamestown. Janet asked the board to think about what items they would like to be placed on the agenda. Topics suggested were out-of-state recruitment, distance learning, professional development regarding National Board Certified and programs regarding budget.

Janet presented the three 2001 budget options. The budgets that were presented reflected 4% salary increases but did not reflect the PIQ classification comparisons and/or adjustments that are currently being conducted. The 2001 budget options will be brought up for discussion at a later time.

## **CASES**

### **Brian Sennett (FYI)**

Janet informed the board that Mr. Sennett's license has been suspended in New York.

### **Ray Aucker (Administrative)**

The office has not received a response from the Iowa licensure office. Mr. Aucker's file will be presented at the May meeting.

### **Brent Borchert**

Janet informed that board that Mr. Borchert was charged with corruption/solicitation of a minor. A motion was presented by Jack to start the process to have Mr. Borchert's license revoked. Second by Maryjane. Motion carried. Board members who voted in agreement were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens and Jack Rasmussen. Mr. Borchert was last employed at Manvel Public Schools. According to **NDCC 15-36-15.1** the board must revoke his license.

**DeAnn Boschert (FYI)**

Information was made available to the board of Ms. Boschert's resignation and her school district agreeing to not report and not allowing any employee of the school to report the matter of the resignation to ESPB. The board asked Bill Peterson to research the matter of not having to report. Ms. Boschert's was employed at Cavalier Public School as the principal. According to the local newspaper article, Ms. Boschert's resignation was granted due to falsifying student election records.

**Brant Wardner**

Janet informed the board the Mr. Wardner has been charged with gross sexual imposition. In accordance with NDCC 15-36-15.1, a motion was made by Amy to have our legal council proceed with revocation. Second by Maryjane. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens and Jack Rasmussen. Mr. Wardner was employed with the Dickinson Public School system as an English instructor.

**CASE ADDITIONS**

**Adrienne (Dempsey) Reinarts**

A motion was made by Maryjane to have the license of Ms. Reinarts suspended for one year due to a breach of contract. Second by Laura. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Doug Johnson, Maryjane Martens and Jack Rasmussen. Ms. Reinarts was employed at St. Bernard Mission School in Fort Yates.

**Grafton Public Schools**

Additional case information was received from Ev Kappel the day before the board meeting. Due to the late time frame when this information was received and notification was not given to the Grafton School educators' attorney, this case will be placed on the agenda for May.

**CASES PENDING**


**Deborah Hosie, Whiteshield**

**James Kendal, Oakes**

**Harvey Wolff, Oakes**

**Alan Worrel, Verona**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The board meeting will take place in the PSC Board Room, on the 12<sup>th</sup> floor of the State Capitol.

  
Board Chair  
Enc-ESL rules change  
PPST rules change

  
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